

meatless monday

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Prompt: Write a play that begins with the line "It was never about the meat"

CHARACTERS

ROSEMARY

CHARLIE

TIME: Tuesday.



Rosemary and Charlie are sitting at a lunch table in a school dining hall. It's empty besides them.

ROSEMARY

It was never about the meat.

CHARLIE

No, not at all.

ROSEMARY

People really think Dick Hard cares about the environment?

CHARLIE

Rose, you gotta stop calling him that.

ROSEMARY

Do you think he spends his Sunday evenings crying for the cows?

CHARLIE

He's just the face of the school, he's not like--

ROSEMARY

DO YOU?

CHARLIE

No, of course not. No one cries for the cows.

ROSEMARY

Speak for yourself.

CHARLIE

You do not cry for the cows.

ROSEMARY

I have.

CHARLIE

There are plenty of reasons to have meatless Mondays. Why can't we just give them the benefit of the doubt and hope that it's for all of the reasons, and not just the one sort of sus reason.

ROSEMARY

"Sort of sus?" Jesus, Charlie.

CHARLIE

OkaY! Fairly sus!

ROSEMARY
FAIRLY?

CHARLIE
Fine, very sus. It's very sus.

ROSEMARY
He didn't have to even mention the budget stuff! He could have just put it all towards the eco-friendly angle and the students, and donors for that matter, would have just eaten it up.

CHARLIE
No pun int--

ROSEMARY
Pun INTENDED, bitch.

CHARLIE
Hey, don't call me a bitch.

ROSEMARY
I'll call you whatever I want, beeeeeech.

CHARLIE
Fine, bitch.

ROSEMARY
Woah, dude.

CHARLIE
Yeah, yeah, I'm sorry, that was weird.

ROSEMARY
Wowwwwwwwww

CHARLIE
I hated it, as soon as I... Yeah. Sorry.

ROSEMARY
You're such a woman-hater, Charlie.

CHARLIE
I'm SORRY I'm sorry I'm sorry I'm sorry--

ROSEMARY
What's next, are you like a MENINIST now???

CHARLIE

Stop it stop it stop it fine I'm your bitch, let's move on

ROSEMARY

Great, thanks bitch.

CHARLIE

You're right, though. It was really not a good look to rationalize meatless Mondays with budget cuts. Makes it seem like the meat they are feeding us is like, rat meat or something.

ROSEMARY

If we're lucky.

CHARLIE

Gross.

ROSEMARY

If there was some way to disguise cutting fruits and vegetables out of the meal plan as a woke initiative, Dick Hard would do it.

CHARLIE

Rose, please. His name is Richard.

END OF PLAY